

Cross Plains Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- ◆ Spring Local Election - Apr. 1
- ◆ Village Hall Closed - Apr. 18
- ◆ Plan Commission meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 7 pm.
- ◆ Committee of the Whole meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 pm.
- ◆ Village Board meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7 pm.

A message from the Village President

Greetings from the Village President. Spring is finally upon us after a long winter.

I would like to thank all of the Public Facilities staff for helping the Village get through the cold season. This was a historic Winter for water main repairs and snow removal. The Public Facilities Department stepped up to ensure there were no major disruptions in service or substantial increases in costs. Without their dedication, this winter season would have been even harder to get through. We can now look forward to nicer weather and being able to participate in more outdoor activities.

There are many projects that will be getting under way this spring and later this year. The Village recently approved the redevelopment of Kalschuer Dodge-Chrysler. The Village is proud to have worked with the business to keep them in Cross Plains. Their new location will be just west of their current site.

We are looking forward to getting the Lagoon Street reconstruction project underway this

summer. The Village Board and Plan Commission is continuing to work on redeveloping the old Zanders Creamery. Finally the Village continues to prepare and work on the Highway 14 project. There will be additional meetings that take place to further discuss the aesthetics of the project as well.

I would also like to congratulate Milestone and Kwik Trip on the completion of each of their projects, and opening for business.

The Parks & Recreation Department mailed out the 2014 Spring & Summer Activity Guide. The guide is also available online at www.cross-plains.wi.us. There are both children's and adult programs available to help you get active after the long winter. The department continues to provide excellent programs to meet a variety of interests.

Finally I would like to thank Tim Statz and Ray Blanchard for their service on the Village Board. I look forward to working with the new board members and continuing to ensure the Village is a great place to live and work.

Pat Andreoni, Village President

Recycling, Yard Waste and Street Maintenance

Metal Mania

Metal Mania will take place Saturday, April 5th, 2014. Time to search your garage, basement, yard, attic, etc. for all your metal items you need to get rid of – bikes, bed frames, wing sets, car ramps, pipe – anything metal. Call the Village Office at 798-3241 to get your name on the list for this special pickup at no extra charge.

This is metal only – no appliances, wood furniture, or other white goods will be accepted.

Village Recycling Event

The computer, electronics and appliances recycling event will take place on April 5th at the Village Hall Parking lot located at 2417 Brewery Road, from 8 am to noon. Charges may apply depending on the item you are dropping off. No charges for CPUs, laptops, cords, copiers, scanners, printers, telephones, vcr/dvd players, stereo equipment, remotes, LCD monitors, power tools, lead acid car batteries and lawn mowers (oil must be drained/tires removed).

Charges for the following apply:

CRT monitors	\$5
TV 29" and under	\$10
30" and over	\$20
Wooden console tvs	\$40
Appliances	\$5
<i>Microwaves, stoves, washers, dryers, water heaters, furnaces</i>	
Freon containing appliances	\$10
Fluorescent light bulbs	\$1 each

Reporting Wear & Tear of Village Streets

Each winter Village streets are subjected to plowing and salting to clear snow and ice from them. These activities have an adverse effect on Village streets. As spring approaches and the snow clears these spots will become more noticeable. Please forward street locations that are in need of basic maintenance needs due to winter activities – including pot holes, and torn asphalt. You can call the Village Hall at 798-3241 and we will add it to the log of locations that require asphalt repair.

Yard Waste, Branch Pick Up & Dog Waste

It is hard to think about Spring, after such a cold winter, but before long residents will have yard waste and branches to dispose of. Blowing grass, leaves and other yard waste to gutters is detrimental to the environment and can end up draining into the creek. Alternatively yard waste can be brought to the Public Facilities garage, located at 1255 Bourbon Road. The dump site is located at the West side of the building.

The Village will collect branches the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Branches must be set out to the curb of the residence. To have your address added to the biweekly list, please call Village Hall at 798-3241.

As the weather clears up, dog owners can begin taking their canine companions on walks. Ordinance 21.09(d) requires owners to pick up their pets leavings immediately to ensure the Village right of ways are kept sanitary.

CROSS PLAINS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Upcoming events being sponsored by the Cross Plains Police Department:

Drug Take Back event is being held on April 26th from 8am to noon. If you want to clean out your unused prescription drugs this is your opportunity. The event is being held at the Cross Plains Police Department 2417 Brewery Rd.

Child Safety Seat check: There are two scheduled child safety seat checks. The first one will be held in conjunction with Trout Days and will be offered on Saturday May 3rd. The second event will be in conjunction with Family Fun and Safety Night (National Night Out). This event will be held on Tuesday August 5th. To schedule an appointment to have your child safety seat checked contact Officer Greg Kosharek at gkosharek@crossplainspolicewi.com or call 798-4100. You may also contact Officer Kosharek, at any time, to have an inspection completed.

Identity Theft: Officer Scott Kroetz will be conducting a presentation on how to protect yourself from Identity Thieves and other predators. The presentation will be held on Monday April 7th from 7:00 to 8:30pm at the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library in Cross Plains.

Bicycle Rodeo: The Cross Plains Police Department will be assisting the Cross Plains Optimist with their annual bicycle rodeo which will be held in conjunction with the Family Fun and Safety Night on Tuesday August 5th at the Cross Plains Berry Fire Station on Bourbon Rd. The event will run from 5:00 to 7:00pm. We would encourage all residents who own a bicycle to get them licensed. The license is free and can be obtained at the Cross Plains Police Department.

If you have any questions feel free to contact us at 798-4100 or by email; tjanssen@crossplainspolicewi.com, skroetz@crossplainspolicewi.com, or gkosharek@crossplainspolicewi.com

Northwest Dane Senior Services

Do you need extra help with forms, paperwork, and so much more? Every second Tuesday of the month, starting April 8, 2014, Vicki Beres, Case Manager will be at the Cross Plains Garfoot Library 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

Your Case Manager will advocate for you and can assist with a variety of things:

- Homestead Tax papers
- Medicare
- Medicare Part D & prescriptions
- Advocacy, information, phone calls
- Much more



Northwest Dane Senior Services and your Case Manager's primary goal is to provide seniors in our community the support, services, resources and opportunities to remain safe and independent in your home. Call 767-3757, x-223 for an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

2014 Public Improvements

Lagoon Street

The Lagoon Street Reconstruction Project will replace the existing unofficial road and extend from Wilson Street to Jovina Street in our commercial core area. This project will bring brand new pavement, curb/gutter, sidewalks, and parking lots to the heart of the Village. The project is currently being advertised for bids and is scheduled to be awarded to a contractor at the April 28th Village Board meeting. Please note some of the following key dates:

- April 28th - Project Award
- May - Public Information Meeting
- June - Erosion Control Placement and Site Preparation
- July - Undergrounding work by Utility Contractors (MGE, Charter, TDS)
- Aug & Sept - Complete Road Construction

More information about key dates to be provided on Village website. Please see www.crossplains.wi.us.

US Highway 14 - Main St

US Highway 14 (Main Street) will be reconstructed in about a year by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). The work will begin this summer with the replacement of the County Highway P bridge and the start of construction of the County Highway P intersection. **THIS INTERSECTION WILL NOT BE A ROUNDABOUT.** The intersection will be traffic signal controlled as it is now; however, larger to include additional lanes of travel in both direction for improved traffic flow. Some of this improvement will be constructed this summer as a head start till next year's main work.

WisDOT will be hosting a Public Information Meeting at Glacier Creek Middle School on Wednesday, April 23rd at 5:00 pm. Similar to past meetings, various sections of WisDOT will be present to review the project.

County Highway P Bridge

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is set to replace the County Highway P Bridge this summer. This project is being completed in anticipation of the reconstruction of US Highway 14 (Main Street) in 2015. The bridge will be closed to all traffic for the duration of the work and will include the reconstruction of all County Highway P improvements in 2014 south of US Highway 14 through the Bourbon Road intersection. Bourbon Road will be used as a detour route from County Highway P to County Highway KP and US Highway 14. Please note some of the following key dates:

- June - Preparations for Detour Route
- July - Close Bridge and Begin Project
- October - Open Bridge and Finish Project

Exact dates are still not known at this point until WisDOT has bid the project and selected a contractor. The months listed are subject to change as the project is implemented by WisDOT.

Streetscape Workgroup

The Village will be hosting a Streetscape Workgroup Meeting on Thursday, April 24th at 7:00 pm. This meeting will be held at the Village Hall located at 2417 Brewery Road. Anyone from the public interested on working with Village Staff on various streetscape and aesthetic issues related to our upcoming public improvements is invited to attend to participate in the discussion. The first meeting will discuss crosswalks enhancements, gateway/wayfinding signage, drinking fountains, and stamped concrete options. Additional issues to be discussed at future meetings. It is desired this this group will formalize as a Committee authorized by the Village Board to tackle these issues going forward until completion. Please contact Matt Schuenke at (608) 798-3241 x 105 or matt@crossplains.wi.us if you are interested in participating in this process.

Village of Cross Plains Parks and Recreation

Director's Message

Greetings! I hope this message finds you enjoying all of the opportunities Cross Plains has to offer. Our Spring/Summer recreation programs are packed with activities, camps and special events designed around FUN and family.

2014 has started with the addition of a new member to our team. Andrea Fullerton, a 2013 graduate in Recreation Management from Illinois State University has been selected as our Recreation Coordinator. Andrea's experience with youth/adult programming, especially special events will provide the Parks and Recreation Department with some tremendous opportunities as we move forward.

This year has a lot in store for the department which we hope will directly impact our community. We will be implementing a few capital improvements in our parks, creating and implementing new programs in both recreation and aquatics and maintaining conservancy projects at Hickory Hill, Glacial Valley and Westview Conservancies. We will be constructing new playground equipment at Cedar Glen Park, new siding on the Baer Park shelter and constructing the final phase to our existing skate park. As we continue to enhance village parks and conservancies, we are always eager to hear from you on improvements you'd like to see.

Cross Plains Parks and Recreation programs continue to thrive with the support of our community and local businesses. As we look forward to the future, we will be focusing on how we can partner with local agencies to provide substantial programs that focus on healthy, active lifestyles for all age groups. We thank you for your continued support and wish you all a happy spring.

For questions, comments or concerns regarding the Parks and Recreation Department, feel free to contact me directly at 798-3241 ext. 107 or maxon@cross-plains.wi.us

Mike Axon, Parks and Recreation Director

Recreation Coordinator

My name is Andrea Fullerton and I am excited to introduce myself as the new Recreation Coordinator for the Village of Cross Plains. I am from Lindenhurst, IL and received my bachelor's degree in Parks and Recreation Administration from Illinois State University. I grew up in camps and recreation programs and at age 16 got my first job as a lifeguard and camp counselor at my local Park District. Since then I have gained experience as a coach, sports program director, daycare employee, and an indoor pool manager/swim lesson coordinator. I am very passionate about this field and plan on expanding on great ideas, programs, and events to the Village of Cross Plains.



I am always open to ideas and suggestions from you, the participants. If you have any ideas for programs or special events, please do not hesitate to contact me at afullerton@cross-plains.wi.us or (608)798-3241.

The Parks and Recreation Department is looking for a few more teams to fill our adult softball leagues!

Parks and Recreation Cont.

The 2014 Spring/Summer Activity guide is now online www.cross-plains.wi.us. Online sign-up is now offered at <http://www.activityreg.com/> and is open 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week. A small convenience fee is charged for use of this service. With online registration, you can view how many spots are available in a particular class or see what dates are available for park shelters, baseball/softball diamonds and pool rentals from the comfort of your home or office.

Fitness Punch Pass

Who ever thought working out could be fun? Summer can get busy, enjoy the flexible schedule you get with a punch pass OR sign up for a session. (Sessions are not available for Yoga) The fitness punch pass includes: One Stop Body Shop, Yoga and No Limit Fitness.

One Stop Body Shop	Yoga
<p>It's everything you are looking for to begin your fitness program or enhance your current fitness level. This class consists of a warm-up, aerobic step & dance, strength, flexibility, balance exercises and cool down. Plus, overall body shaping, toning and stretching using body weight, bands and poles. Exercises are simple and easy to follow with a low to moderate intensity level.</p> <p>Who: 16 and older Day: Monday When: Ongoing Sessions via punch pass or Sessions Session 1: April 7-June 2 (No Class May 26) Session 2: June 16-August 4 Session 3: August 18-October 13 (No Class September 1) Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm Where: American Legion Hall Session Fee: \$40.00 per session Fee: Punch Pass; 4 classes \$40, 8 classes \$64, 10 classes \$70 Instructor: Jane Busch</p>	<p>This program will give you the opportunity to reconnect with yourself as you stretch and strength-en your muscles, rediscover your breath, and relax into a new and improved you. Offering you a solid foundation in the fundamentals and philosophy of yoga, each class will lead you to discover your unique body type and needs in a non-competitive and supportive environment. All levels welcome.</p> <p>When: Mondays Time: 9:00-10:15 am Dates: Ongoing Sessions Where: Cross Plains Berry Fire Station (Upstairs) When: Tuesdays Time: 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Dates: Ongoing Sessions Where: Cross Plains Berry Fire Station (Upstairs) When: Thursdays Time: 9:00-10:15 am Dates: Ongoing Sessions Where: Cross Plains-Berry Fire Station (Upstairs)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">No Limit Interval Training</p> <p>Get the benefits of interval cross training in this 45 minute boot camp style class. A certified Les Mills and TRX instructor will guide you through a workout that is constantly varied, utilizing functional movements. Functional training allows any body type and fitness level to participate in this class. Be prepared for strength and cardiovascular exercise.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Who: Men and Women 18 and older Day: Monday, Wednesday, Friday Sessions 1: April 14-May 9 Session 2: May 12-June 6 Session 3: June 9-July 3 Time: 5:30 am-6:15 am Where: Cross Plains-Berry Fire Station (Upstairs) Fee: Punch Pass; 4 classes \$40, 8 classes \$64, 10 classes \$70 Session Fee: \$40.00</p>	

Parks and Recreation Department

Youth

Super Hero Spectacular

Calling all superheroes to help us save the day! Test your superhero abilities. Join us for face-painting, superhero games and a snack. Participants are welcome to wear their favorite superhero costume to class!

Day: Friday
 Session: August 15
 Time: 9:00 am-11:00 am
 Age: 5-11
 Fee: \$15.00
 Place: Rosemary Garfoot Library
 Min: 6 Max: 20
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 13

Speed and Condition for Young Athletes

Are you looking to get in shape for your upcoming Fall sporting event? Join the Parks and Recreation Director and local nutritionist as they show you the importance of balanced nutrition and while teaching exercises to enhance your speed and conditioning. Learn how exercise and a balanced diet can be fun.. Sign up today!

(Instructors: Michael Axon, Emmy Benson)

Days: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
 Session: August 4-August 22
 Time: 9:00 am-11:00 am
 Age: 9-15 years old
 Fee: \$45.00
 Place: Cross Plains-Berry Fire Station
 Min. 8 Max. 16
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 15

Aquatics

Who's ready to catch some rays? The 2014 pool season will kick off on Monday, May 26 from 1:00 pm-5:00 pm and is **FREE** to everyone that would like to attend. Our 2014 swimming lesson sign up day will be Saturday, April 26 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm at the Village Office. (2417 Brewery Road)

OPEN SWIM

Modified Weekday Hours: (May 27th-June 13th) 5:30pm-8:30pm
 Weekday Hours: (June 16th – August 22nd) 1:00 pm-5:00 pm; 7:00pm-8:30pm
 Weekend Hours: (June 7th – August 24th) 1:00pm-8:30pm
 Adult Lap Swim: (Tuesday and Thursday Evenings) 5:00 pm-5:45 pm; (Sundays) 12:00 pm-12:45 pm

DAILEY FEES

Residents Ages 0-2: Free
 Residents Ages 3-10: \$3.00 per day
 Residents Ages 11 and up: \$4.00 per day
 Non- Residents Ages 0-2: Free
 Non- Residents Ages 3-10: \$4.00 per day
 Non- Residents Ages 11 and up: \$5.00 per day
 Lap Swim Fee: \$2.00 per day

POOL MEMBERSHIPS

Resident Individual: \$60.00
 Resident Family: \$100.00
 Non Resident Individual: \$85.00
 Non Resident Family: \$130.00
 Resident Lap Swim Pass: \$30.00
 Non-Resident Lap Swim Pass: \$40.00



Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

Wisconsin's First Green Library



Celebrating Common Threads

What do the following have in common?

The Beatles

Mary Poppins the movie

Lucky Charms cereal

Jeopardy television show

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

The Rosemary Garfoot Public Library

Gilligan's Island television show

Pop Tarts

Bewitched television show

(The answer is at the bottom of this page)**

Carpe Librum Book Discussion Group

Join the Carpe Librum Book Discussion Group on the last Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.

Green Tuesdays Environmental Films and Discussion

If you're interested in environmental issues and how they impact the world around you, join us for Green Tuesdays, a free series of films, presentations, and conversations about sustainability issues. The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM from September through May. On April 1st we will be screening *The Wisdom to Survive: Climate Change, Capitalism, & Community* which offers thoughtful and comprehensive reflections on the ecological and economic state of the planet. We'll wrap up the 2013-2014 series on May 6th with the much talked about film, *Bidder 70*, the inspiring story of Tim DeChristopher and his evolution as a leader in the environmental movement.

Thursday Night Jam Session

Did you know that the library hosts a music jam session every Thursday evening at 6:00 PM? Stop by with or without an instrument, and enjoy the fun!

****All are 50 years old this year!****

Morning Movie

Our morning film series features contemporary adult films from comedy to high drama and meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM. On April 10th we will screen *12 Years a Slave*, the 2014 academy award winner for best film. May 8th's feature will be *Blue Jasmine*, and *Gravity* is our June film. *Morning Movie* will go on hiatus in July and August, and return for a new season in September.

Be Safe From Identity Theft

On April 7th, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, the Merry Mothers Homemakers Club, the Cross Plains Police Department and the library are co-hosting a free program about identity theft. Join Officer Scott Kroetz of the Cross Plains Police Department and learn tips and procedures to keep yourself safe from identity thieves and other predators. Refreshments will be provided by Jodi's Bar & Grill who has generously sponsored this free public program. The program will be held in the community rooms.

Computer Assistance

The library staff is happy to help patrons using library computers with questions. People can also get one-on-one basic instruction by calling the library for an appointment.



Art Exhibits

Every two months, the library hosts the work of a different local artist. We are currently showing a collection of paintings by local artist, Barry Kolbe. Mr. Kolbe's beautiful and idyllic renderings are reminiscent of paintings printed by the iconic Currier and Ives whose scenes were often depicted on calendars and Christmas cards. The show runs through March 28th. Don't miss it!

Library hours: Mon, Wed, and Thur: 9am-8pm, Tues & Fri: 9am-5pm, Sat: 10am-2pm

Rosemary Garfoot Public Library, 2107 Julius St., Cross Plains, WI. 53528 – 608-798-3881-www.rgpl.org

Library News Cont.

Library is Local Drop-off Site for the Mazomanie Food Pantry

When you return your library materials, don't forget to bring in a non-perishable item for the food pantry. Your donations are much needed and greatly appreciated!

Reusable Totes Needed

In an effort to eliminate the use of petroleum based plastic bags, the library is seeking donations of cloth or canvas bags. If you have any extra bags lying around, we would be happy to take them off your hands.

Seed Exchange

Believe it or not, spring is almost here, and it's time to start dreaming of gardens. Check out the seed exchange table located in our entryway. Trade your unwanted seed for new and different ones to try in this year's garden. There is also an assortment of garden catalogs available. The exchange will remain available until June 1st.

Databases

The library provides access to a number of terrific databases, including Ancestry.com, Consumer Reports, Chilton Auto Repair, and many more! Check it out by going into LinkCat and clicking on the *Databases* button on the home page!

Additional Services Available at the Library

Free meeting space for non-profit groups
Laser Color Computer Printing
Black & White Photocopying
Document Scanner
Fax Service
Exam Proctoring

The Cross Plains-Berry Historical Society Research Center

Located in the library, the center is open by appointment.

Story Time News

Wigglers and Giggles - Tuesdays @ 10

For babies and toddlers. We will learn finger plays, sing songs, read very simple books and socialize. Join the fun and learn how to grow a reader!

Mark the following Tuesdays on your calendar: 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 6/17, 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15 and 7/22

Big Kids' Booktime - Wednesdays @ 10

Designed for preschoolers (3-6 year olds). At Storytime we sing, read stories and usually have a craft project, snack or a special activity based on our theme. These programs are designed for children who are ready to sit and listen to stories. Please bring younger siblings out of the room during the storytelling portion of the program.

Mark these dates on your calendar: 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16 and 7/23

School's Out Movies

Friday, March 28 @ 1:00 – *Frozen*

Teen/Tween Book Club

Meets the first Thursday of the month at 4:15. Check our website for current reads, all readers ages 9 -18 are welcome.

Summer Library Program

This summer's theme is *Fizz, Boom, Read!* Online registration will begin on June 1st, and our kickoff program with Charlie Williams, *The Noiseguy*, will be on Friday, June 13th at 10:30. There will be activities and programs for all ages, babies to adults. Get ready for an activity and reading filled summer!

New Zealand Mud snail in Black Earth Creek

In the fall of 2013, the New Zealand mudsnail was discovered in samples collected from Black Earth Creek in western Dane County in 2011 and 2012. These populations have not been observed to be expanding. It is unknown how the mudsnail will affect the Black Earth Creek fishery as this is the first inland invasion not only in Wisconsin, but in the Midwest. Research from other invasion sites, however, suggests that Wisconsin streams could realize negative impacts. The New Zealand mudsnails will likely compete directly with many native grazers and could reduce the abundance of this important food source. Due to its small size, the New Zealand mudsnail can easily hitchhike on a variety of recreational and commercial equipment that comes in contact with the water and riparian zone. Its operculum allows it to survive in undesirable environments for extended periods of time. Initial invasion pathways to the United States are thought to have been through ballast water or in the water of live gamefish shipped from infested waters. Many other pathways may contribute to the secondary spread of New Zealand mudsnails. These pathways include but are not limited to waders and other fishing gear, watercraft, commercial construction equipment, and fish stocking equipment.

Prevention

The following guidelines work for both boating and wading equipment:

BEFORE leaving the water:

INSPECT equipment and **REMOVE** attached plants and animals (required by law)

DRAIN all water from equipment (required by law)

SCRUB equipment with a stiff brush, including crevices, to remove all mud and snails.

RINSE equipment with tap water to remove juveniles. Consider keeping a water jug or spray bottle in your car.

BEFORE entering another stream, switch to a completely new set of gear **OR** do one of the following disinfection steps:

FREEZE for 8 hours, or

WASH with 212°F water (steam clean), or

SOAK in 120°F water for several minutes, or

SOAK in 2% Virkon solution (2.7 ounces per gallon) for 20 minutes



ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Do not use felt-soled boots. They are more likely to harbor small-bodied AIS and are very difficult to decontaminate completely.
- Consider having a second pair of waders or boots if it may not be practical to clean your waders when moving from one stream to another.
- If visiting multiple sites along the length of a stream or river, begin at the top of the watershed and work your way downstream.
- Gear decontamination research is ongoing. Check with state resource agencies and conservation groups for new methods as they become available.
- Complete drying of equipment can kill New Zealand mudsnails, but high temperatures are needed. Research shows at least 24 hours at 84°F or at least 2 hours at 104°F are effective. Drying is not effective for felt soled boots or other porous materials that remain damp, since New Zealand mudsnails can survive in damp environments for weeks.
- There are several papers that look at the use of Formula 409 cleaner to kill the snails. However, because there are different formulas and the amounts needed are large, this is not an effective method to recommend to the public at this time.
- Diluted bleach has not been shown to be effective in killing New Zealand mudsnails.

For more info visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/fact/newzmsnail2012.html>

Middleton - Cross Plains Area School District

Park Elementary Earns Green Ribbons Schools Award

Park Elementary School has been nominated by State Superintendent Tony Evers for the U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools award. The nominees were tops in the state in demonstrating progress to reduce a school's environmental impact and cost, improve the health and wellness of students and staff and provide effective environmental and sustainability education. Winners in the national program will be announced on Earth Day, April 22. Middleton High School was recognized as a Green Ribbon school in 2012. Since the program began that year, seven schools and one school district in Wisconsin have been named Green Ribbon winners.

School Building Project Update

Some areas at Glacier Creek, such as the additional cafeteria space, have already been completed and the fifth-grade wing will be completed a couple of months ahead of schedule. The gym floor was being installed in early March and officials are optimistic students will be able to use the gym before the school year ends. Principal Tim Keeler said the school will have capacity for approximately 975 students starting next year. He believes there may be 1,000 students in the school within four years with regular growth. To learn more, click on the Middle School Building Projects link on the main page of the District website. It is located on the right side of the main page. The Building Construction page contains regular summaries of how work is progressing on both sites.

New Bell Times

The Board of Education unanimously approved new bell times for the 2014-15 school year. That means the school day for next year will be:

Elementary schools: 7:45 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Middle schools: 8:20 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.

MHS and CSCS: 8:25 a.m. to 3:58 p.m.

Reasons for the new bell times included

- It has the lowest cost of the five scenarios proposed by a national consultant.
- It falls within the time frames the District wants to keep at all levels for start and end times. Officials didn't want any schools starting before 7:30 a.m. or ending after 4 p.m.
- Research showed that a majority of Dane County school districts also have start times at the elementary level before 8 a.m.

Chamber of Commerce



Hwy 14 and Lagoon Street Reconstruction

The Chamber website has a new area for the latest and greatest information we have available. Copies of the maps with the East end and West end of construction on Hwy 14 as well as the staging maps are being hung at the Rosemary Garfoot Library and Crossroads Coffeehouse.

Wondering about something you don't see? Let Amy know and we'll do the best we can to get an answer. Let us know if you are willing to help. Task forces are being formed to help with signage, events, promotions, communication and more.

Chamber Mission

Our mission as Ambassadors is to significantly increase membership retention by improving communications with our membership and increasing membership involvement and support of all Chamber events and activities.

Please let Amy know if you want to be part of this fun, energetic, positive new team.

For more information check out our website www.crossplainschamber.net or contact Executive Director Amy Hansen at amy.cpchamber@yahoo.com.

2014 Chamber Calendar of Events

Easter Egg Hunt	April 19
Trout Days & Village Rummage Sales	May 1-3
Memorial Day Chicken BBQ	May 27
Golf Outing	July 24
Taste of Cross Plains	September 21

Volunteers needed for all events

Member Directory & Community Guide Available

Please let Amy know if you would like a copy or go to our website for an electronic version.

Friends of the Library News

Library Art Auction and Book Sale

The Friends of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library will be holding their annual used book sale in conjunction with Trout Day: Friday, May, 2 and Saturday, May, 3. Please bring all used books for donation to the library at any time and don't forget to attend the sale!

The Friends are also accepting donations of gently used, ready-to-display art. The second annual, wildly successful, Amazing Art Auction will be held in October and November. Just stop by the library during open hours and leave your donations at the desk after filling out a simple donor form. After your Trout Day garage sale, bring any leftover books and art to the library to give them a chance at making some money for your community.

So clean out your closets, shelves and walls and bring books and art that you're done with to the library to help benefit the entire community. Both art and books are accepted all year so feel free to bring in any donations before OR after Trout Day.

Find out about becoming a member of the Friends of the Library! Membership forms can be found at the circulation desk.

Cross Plains Historical Society

The Museum will be open only on the 1st and the 3rd Sundays during the months of June through August, from 1:00 P. M. until 4:00 P. M. You can go to the Cross Plains Rosemary Garfoot Public Library at any time and a Librarian can help you with any pictures or genealogy or you can call for an appointment with Lyle "Doc" Esser at 608-798-2147 regarding the Museum or the Library.

Our regular meetings are held at 7:00 P M in the basement of the New Lutheran Church at 2437 Church St, Cross Plains on the second Monday of the months of February, April, May, September, October, November & December.

On April 14, 2014, Norman Meinholz, State of Wisconsin Geology Excavator, will be giving us a presentation.

On May 12, 2014, Ann Biebel will be giving a presentation on the Wilkie Farm, as it takes on its new life as a Visitor Center for the National Park Service of the Ice Age Trail.

Anyone is invited to attend our meetings or to stop by the Cross Plains Rosemary Garfoot Library to take a look at the displays that we have there from time to time.

If you would like to make an appointment, have any questions or would like to join the organization please call Lyle "Doc" Esser at 608-798-2147.

Recreation- New Program Information

The 2014 Spring/Summer Activity guide is now online www.cross-plains.wi.us Online sign-up is now offered at <http://www.activityreg.com/> and is open 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week. A small convenience fee is charged for use of this service. With online registration, you can view how many spots are available in a particular class or see what dates are available for park shelters, baseball/softball diamonds and pool rentals from the comfort of your home or office.

<p style="text-align: center;">4th Annual Mary Billmeyer Trot 5K Run/Walk</p> <p>This event formally known as "Turkey Trot" is changing the date to try and accommodate more participants! Join us for a 5K run/walk on Saturday, June 21st. We will start at Mary's Place Shelter at Baer Park at 8:00 a.m. Each participant will receive a t-shirt. A silent auction will take place after the event; a complimentary refreshment and munchies will be available to program participants. Money raised from this event will go directly towards the Mary's Place Shelter at Baer Park.</p> <p>Day: Saturday Date: June 21 Time: 8:00 am Fee: \$25.00/ \$35.00 Day of Event Where: Baer Park (Mary's Place Shelter) REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Couch to 5K</p> <p>Do you need motivation and support to start your fitness goals? This is a beginner's running schedule that has helped thousands of new runners get off the couch and onto the roads, running miles in 9 weeks. The group will be split into beginning and advanced runners to accommodate the different levels of runners. Meet the coach Sunday, June 15th at 7:00 pm at the Mary's Place Shelter. Team t-shirt and Good Neighbor Festival 5K registration included.</p> <p>Who: 18 and up Day: Tuesdays, Thursday and Sundays Date: June 17 - August 7 Time: 5:30 am -6:15 am (T/TH) 7:00 pm-7:45 pm (S) Fee: \$60.00 Location: Baer Park REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 10</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Masters Swim Course</p> <p>Are you and adult looking for a swimming program that will improve your fitness and endurance through swimming? If so, this is the program for you. This program will focus on stroke technique while increasing your endurance.</p> <p>Days: Monday, Wednesdays and Sundays Time: (M-W) 8:30 pm-9:30 pm, (S) 11:45am-12:45 am Session 1: June 16- July 20 Session 2: July 21-August 17 Age: 18 and up Fee: \$40.00 per session Place: Cross Plains Community Pool Min: 8 Max: 16 REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Adult Tennis Lessons</p> <p>Classes will be divided into the following groups: <i>Beginners:</i> Those new to the sport who are looking to learn basic strokes and techniques. <i>Intermediate/Advanced:</i> Those who have some experience but are looking to learn new techniques and focus on stroke refinement.</p> <p>Days: Monday, Thursday Time: (Beg) 6:00 pm-6:55 pm, (Int/Adv) 7:00 pm-7:55 pm Session 1: June 16-July 3 Session 2: July 7-July 24 Age: 16 and up Fee: \$40.00 per session Place: Baer Park Tennis Court Min: 3 Max: 6 REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 9, JULY 1</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Men's Softball League When: Tuesdays Date: May 6-August 13 Time: 6:30pm,7:30pm,8:30pm Where: Baer Park Age: 18 and up Fee: \$175.00 sponsor; \$40 player REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 7th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Women's Softball When: Wednesdays Date: May 7-August 6 Time: 6:30pm,7:30pm,8:30pm Where: Baer Park Age: 18 and up Fee: \$175.00 sponsor; \$40 player REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 7th</p>

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Trout Days

Mark your calendars May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. the Lions celebrate their 35th anniversary as host for the village wide opportunity for garage sales, good food, and friendliness. Plan on joining in the celebration." The funds raised by the Lions sales activities during Trout Days are donated back 100 percent to support a variety of Lions charity and larger community needs. Included is support for school events, children's and adult eye screening, scholarships, help for special needs individuals, providing handicap ramps, and for community groups such as the Scouts and Northwest Dane Seniors. This past year the Lions helped 9 local families by providing a week long camping stay at no cost for a special needs child at our nationally recognized Lions Camp at Rosholt Wisconsin.

The Lions look forward to your Trout Days participation with garage sales. Make sure to purchase hamburgers and Doc's famous smoked brats. Watch for garage sale registration sign up at the Village Office starting April 1st. A donation of \$10.00 gets you a place on the community garage sale map, a yard sign, and a chance to support a worthwhile cause.

Cross Plains Easter Egg Hunt

Cub Scout Pack 87, in conjunction with the Lion's Club and the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce, is sponsoring the 9th annual community wide Easter Egg Hunt. We offer this non-profit event the community as a service project for the Cub Scouts.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 19 at Baer Park in Cross Plains, at 10am.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Janet Gaumer 798-2133, Betsy DeMets 798-1934 or Amy Hartman 413-0003. Happy Easter!